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Which End Is Up?

It's so hard to know what's happening these days! Covid-19 has really turned the world on its ear, and it doesn't seem to be in any big hurry to go away. Saint Barth was basically a Covid-free zone but sadly, over the holidays, things got a little out of hand, and cases have been spiking. Hopefully there will be a turnaround sometime soon and the tide will turn.

Speaking of tides, we regret to report in this issue of The Weekly that both The St Barth Bucket and The West Indies Regatta have once again been cancelled in 2021, as well as Carnival, as noted last week. We are waiting for official word on Les Voiles. Very sad not to expect to see the fleets of fabulous boats sailing into the harbor.

If you are on the island with kids, there are a lot of sports activities for them to enjoy, with special classes during the two-week school vacation period in mid-February, starting mostly on February 10, with swimming and sailing included on the menu. Speaking of sports, there also will be a half-marathon on February 21, so be sure to sign up if running is your thing.

The island's art galleries remain open, making it a great time to invest in a painting or sculpture, so stop into Fergus McCaffrey in Grand Fond, or while in Gustavia, Les Artisans or Space Gallery. There's always something interesting to see, and while at Les Artisans be sure to check out the pearls, for as they say, when they are handing out pearls of wisdom, be sure to ask for a triple strand.

Hopefully wisdom will prevail, and the light at the end of the tunnel will start to shine soon!

Ellen Lampert-Gréaux

Covid-19 Updates

Covid-19: ARS Reports 59 New Cases In Saint Barthélemy

According to the latest figures released by the Regional Health Agency (ARS), there were 59 new cases of Covid-19 in Saint Barthélemy, including 34 residents, during the week of January 18-24. France Public Health reported 21 additional new cases for the period of January 25-29. The positivity rate on the island is 6.1% and the incidence rate stands at 602 cases per 100,000 inhabitants. Three clusters are currently under investigation. The numbers have spiked since the festivities during the holiday season. Since the start of the epidemic, there have been a total of 381 cases of Covid-19 in Saint Barth.

Testing Center Open Monday Thru Saturday:

The hours for the Red Cross testing center in Saint Jean are as follows: Monday-Friday 8am-3pm, and Saturday 8am-12pm. The center is closed on Sundays and holidays. Please arrive at least 30 minutes in advance of opening during the week and 10am at the latest on Saturday, in order to be tested. A passport is required to register for a test. Those with French health insurance should also present their "carte vitale" or a declaration of insurance.

Masks, Social Distancing, and New Precautions Due To Variants:

Health authorities are facing new variants of Covid-19 that might already exist in the French Antilles, without being detected, considering the flux of travelers on the islands. For those who test positive coming from a high-risk zone, additional analyses can be done in France, as local testing centers cannot detect the variants. To protect against these new forms of the virus, the Regional Health Agency has recommended reinforcing social distancing by remaining a distance of two meters from other people. And to respect a seven-day quarantine period when arriving on the island and wearing the kind of mask considered the most efficient: a surgical mask type II, or AFNOR SPEC S76-001 category 1 fabric mask.

Parties, Concerts, Masks: Gendarmes in The Time Of Covid:

As the Covid-19 epidemic continues to actively circulate on the island, the gendarmes are being called "three or four times a night," for nocturnal infractions: festive parties and concerts are continually taking place in spite of the current official recommendation of not more than six people at a gathering. On the weekend of January 23-24 alone, they gave out four warnings in places open to the public for not respecting sanitary measures. They also intervene regularly in public spaces to remind people about the rules for wearing a mask: since October 19, 2020, all people 11 years and older are required to wear a mask from 7am to 2am in all streets where there is a business, school, or administrative office.



St Barth Bucket Cancelled

After the Gourmet Festival and Carnival, the St Barth Bucket fell to the same fate. In a press release dated Thursday, January 28, the organizers announced that the 2021 edition, scheduled for March 18-21, was officially cancelled. Last March, on the cusp of the pandemic, the 2020 regatta was cancelled at the last minute. This year, considering the resurgence of Covid-19 in January, there are heightened health uncertainties and ever-changing travel restrictions. “One by one, over the last few weeks, yacht owners decided that it had become impossible to attend the Bucket in 2021 and that they would postpone participation until 2022,” notes the announcement. The organizers have announced March 17-20, 2022 as the dates for the 25th edition of the Bucket in Saint Barth. It seems as if the other regattas on the 2021 nautical calendar will also be cancelled in the coming days.

Heineken Regatta Cancelled

A week after the organizers of the Heineken Regatta reassured romarins de bord de mer sailors around the world by confirming

the dates of the 41st edition (March 4-7, 2021), the Council of Ministers in Sint Maarten decided to cancel the regatta, as well as Carnival for 2021, “in the interest of the general health of the citizens of St. Maarten,” as reported in *The Daily Herald*. The government explains that after consultations with various relevant stakeholders, including health care professionals and law enforcement, it was decided that the potential economic advantages of Carnival and other events are not worth the risk to public health. There is also growing concern about the capacity of both healthcare professionals and law enforcement officials facing an increase in cases and the presence of new variants of Covid-19 around the world. According to *The Daily Herald*, “The health report of January 25 provided by the Collective Prevention Services (CPS), the average number of active COVID-19 cases remains steadily high, not only as a result of the holiday festivities, but also due to apparent complacency about public health measures among the population, and is expected to increase.”

West Indies Regatta Cancelled

Alexis Andrews, organizer of the West Indies Regatta, has posted on Facebook that that in consultation with their partners in St Barthélemy, “our event for this year will unfortunately not take place as planned. A decision we are in full agreement with given the current uncertainty surrounding the Covid situation in our islands. In the meantime, wishing you all safe sailing and looking forward to better times ahead.” Last year, the 12th annual West Indies Regatta, comprising traditional wooden sailing sloops, schooners and ketches from around the Caribbean, was also cancelled due to the global pandemic. Some of these boats are classics, others such as Andrew’s *Genesis*, have been built within recent years by Alwyn Enoe, one of the last wooden boat-builders in the islands, a lost art passed down from generation to generation; an art that Andrews highlighted in his award-winning film, *Vanishing Sail*, which premiered at the St Barth Film Festival in 2015 in conjunction with the West Indies Regatta.

Kids Teach Us About Whales



Did you know that adult humpback whales can hold their breath for 30 minutes underwater, so it takes a lot of patience to observe them? That their 'spout' can reach nine feet into the air, and that the song of the whales is actually only that of the males?

This information was compiled by elementary school students in Colombier, who worked with the

ATE to create an informational sign about whales. The AGOA sanctuary financed the sign, while the Megaptera association taught the kids about the migratory routes followed by humpback whales.

The sign was installed last week in Toiny, next to the telescope for observing the marine mammals that come here to reproduce and bear their young in our waters.

How much does a baby whale weigh? One to two tons, as the sign informs us. One can even scan a flash code to hear the males sing and be entertained during the minimum 40 minutes of your observation.

So far this year, we have heard the males sing, but have not yet seen them. It is said that their songs carry 30 kilometers. How do we know? Guess!

Coral Restoration Replants in Grand Fond

To rejuvenate vegetation after hurricane Irma, the Coral Restoration association took cuttings of protected plants with the help of students from the mini-school. Last week, the association planted 30 coastal rosemary bushes and took new cuttings to renew the process, with permission from the Territorial Environmental Agency. They also cleaned up the path from the parking lot as far as the natural pools.



Gustavia: The Big Clean Up

The island's environmental associations have joined forces for a massive clean-up operation in Gustavia on Saturday, February 6, both on land and at sea. Any volunteers who would like to help are welcome with open arms.



Masks in the water, cigarette butts everywhere, trash floating at the end of the port... Gustavia is not spared from an onslaught of trash of all kinds. As a result, various associations that promote environmental protection on the island, in collaboration with the Territorial Environmental Association (ATE), decided to get together for the "The Big Clean Up," which will take place on Saturday, February 6. For those who would like to participate, the meeting place is at the Capitainerie (port offices) at 8am, where volunteers will be divided into small groups. Social distancing will be enforced, and participants are requested to bring a mask, a hat for protection from the sun, and water in a canteen or metal bottle, to avoid plastic water bottles.

It's the first time that all of the island's environmental associa-

tions have supported the same event. On January 26, Marie-Angèle Aubin, the new president of the ATE, called upon the Association for the Protection of Birds, Coral Restoration, Island Nature Saint Barth Experiences, Less Plastic More Island, Megaptera, Ouanalao Reef, and Saint Barth Essentiel to organize joint activities with the ATE. The Big Clean Up was planned soon thereafter, and other events are envisioned. The good news is that all the various groups are in communication.

On February 6, each association will contribute what it can for the success of the clean-up, from trash bags to boats, divers, and the means to buy anything not donated. Ouanalao Environnement will take care of all the trash that is collected. All they need now is a little help from their friends, so please lend a hand if you can!

Sports Classes During School Vacation

• Sailing

Le Saint Barth Yacht Club is holding a sailing school for kids of 5 years and older. Classes run Tuesday-Saturday, February 9-13 and Monday-Friday, February 15-19, with different age groups. Rates: 1st program 130€; 2nd program 120€. Information and registration at 05 90 27 70 41 or via email at sbyc@wanadoo.fr

• Swimming

A swimming program for kids of 4 years and older will be held at the territorial pool from Wednesday-Friday, February 10-12, and Monday-Friday, February 15-19. Bring Lycra, swimming cap, and, sunscreen. Snacks are included in the cost. Information and registration at 05 90 27 60 96.

• Tennis and Multi-Sports

Amandine and ASCCO organize a tennis and multi-sports program, February 10-24 (except Saturday and Sunday). Rates: 30€ for the morning from 8am-12pm. Space is limited. Contact Amandine Brenne at 06 90 14 23 70 or via email at tennis.sensation.fwi@gmail.com

• Nautical Activities

The St Barth Nautical Center in partnership with CaribWaterplay is organizing two programs on the beach in St Jean from 9am-12noon. Wednesday-Saturday, February 10-13, and Monday-Friday, February 15-19: introduction, initiation, and perfecting a large choice of nautical sports. Information and registration: Contact Lucas at 06 65 95 43 52, via email at lucas@caribwaterplay.com, or directly at CaribWaterplay on the beach in St Jean.

Fergus McCaffrey Gallery Open

With additional locations in New York and Tokyo, the Fergus McCaffrey Gallery in Saint Barth remains open in Grand Fond this season, where the current exhibit by Rachel Harrison and Carol Rama runs through February 13. New York-based Rachel Harrison, an important American artist, creates totemic sculptures, assemblages, and installations. She had a solo show at the Whitney Museum in 2019, and her work can be seen in the collections of major museums worldwide. Carol Rama was an Italian artist born in 1918 who died in 2015 at the age of 97. During the 1950s, she explored abstraction and created assemblages from syringes, car tires, and mechanical pieces. In 2003 she was awarded the Golden Lion for Lifetime Achievement at the 50th Venice Biennale.



TIME OUT

Where to go dancing? See an art exhibit?
Listen to live music? Time Out keeps you up to date

Live Music

- **Every day**
- DJ Set for lunch
@ Le Barthélemy
from 18th December
- Lunch at Al Mare Restaurant (Le Sereno) with DJ Maxine
- **Friday, February 5**
- For Her. Champagne for Ladies 8-10pm
@ Le Bagatelle
- Gypset Soirees from 7pm
Ambiance tribal lounge
with DJ Sacha at
Le Manapany
- **Saturday, February 6**
- Nuit Blanche Party.
White dress code & Joie de vivre
@ Le Bagatelle
- Gypset Soirees from 7pm
@ Le Manapany
- **Sunday, February 7**
- Live musical entertainment for brunch
at Manapany
- **Monday, February 8**
- Monday aperitivo with live music at Al Mare Restaurant (Le Sereno)
- Tropical Twist Evening with Live music, from 7pm
at Le Christopher

ing many new artists incl. Charles Moreau, Jean-Philippe Piter and more.

- Group exhibition : Alain Le Chatelier, Gery Langlais Stanislas Defize, David Wegman, Lindy Shuttleworth, Dave Stevenson @ Les Artisans
- Bronze Sculptures at The Collectivity Garden
- Toutes Voiles Dehors! Michel Brosseau @ Galerie Asie

► Art Galleries

- Clic Gallery, Gustavia
- Les Artisans, Gustavia
- Art Hunter, Gustavia
- Camaruche Gallery
- SpaceSBH Gallery
- Pipiri Palace, Gustavia
- Pati's Gallery, St Jean
- Galerie Asie, Gustavia
- Fergus McCaffrey, Grand Fond

► Artist's Collection

- Hannah Moser,
- Kay Quattrocchi, Salines
- Antoine Heckly

Fashion Show

- **Every lunch**
- @ Pearl Beach
- @ Nikki Beach
- @ Le Barthelemy
- **Every Tuesday**
- 6:30 pm at La Case with DJ set, Cheval Blanc
- **Every Friday**
- 7pm at Le Manapany

Exhibitions

- **Through February 13**
- Rachel Harrison & Carol Rama Fergus Mc Caffrey, Grand Fond
- Space Gallery St Barth Group exhibition present-



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Villa TWH - 4 Bedrooms - Toiny
6,750,000 €

Beautifully renovated, 4 bedroom villa with pool with lot size of 1060m2. Located just a stone's throw from the Toiny beach club.



Villa JOY - 5 Bedrooms - Marigot
12,800,000 € **PRICE NEGOTIABLE**

Beautiful view of Marigot bay. Modern design is accentuated with clean lines. Gourmet kitchen, pool, air-conditioned bedrooms.



Villa MCL - 4 Bedrooms - Marigot
6,500,000 €

Designed and decorated by famed interior architect Christian Liaigre, this waterfront villa has direct access to Marigot Beach. The villa consists of two separate bungalows. Three private parking spaces.



Land HAZ - St Jean - 1338m²
2,862,000 € each

Two lots that are awaiting permitting with views of the St. Jean bay and ocean.



Villa CBI - 4 Bedrooms - Grand Cul de Sac
4,900,000 €

Newly built, turnkey, 4 bedroom villa at walking distance to the beach.



Land TOI - Lot size 1590m² - Toiny
3,500,000 €

Land with permit for 253m² close to the beach of Toiny with panoramic views.



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